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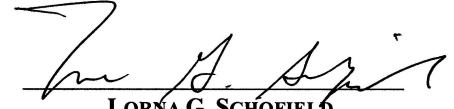
January 9, 2024

**BY ECF**

The Honorable Lorna G. Schofield  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

Application **GRANTED**. The Government shall file its response by **February 9, 2024**. Defendant Liaquat Cheema's reply shall be filed by **March 1, 2024**. The Clerk of the Court is respectfully directed to terminate the letter motion at Dkt. No. 73.

Dated: January 10, 2024  
New York, New York

  
LORNA G. SCHOFIELD  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Re: *United States v. Cheema et al*, 22 Cr. 615 (LGS)

Dear Judge Schofield:

The Government respectfully writes on behalf of the Government and defendant Liaquat Cheema to request a further extension of the motion schedule to allow for continued plea discussions. As the Court is aware, defense motions in this case were due on November 3, 2023. (*See* Dkt. 68). Of the five defendants charged in this case, only defendant Liaquat Cheema filed a motion. (*See* Dkt. 69). The Government's response to defendant Liaquat Cheema's motion was initially due on December 22, 2023, but was extended by the Court to January 19, 2024, at the parties' request. The Government and defendant Liaquat Cheema have engaged in extensive discussions concerning a potential pretrial resolution, and the Government has extended a written plea offer. The parties currently expect that defendant Liaquat Cheema will accept the offer but are working on finalizing a few details of the anticipated guilty plea. Assuming defendant Liaquat Cheema enters a guilty plea, the parties continue to believe that the Government will not need to respond to the pending motion, and the Court will not need to address it. The Government and defendant Liaquat Cheema respectfully request that the Court adjust the briefing schedule to allow for continuation and anticipated completion of the ongoing plea discussions. Accordingly, the Government and defendant Liaquat Cheema respectfully request that the Government's response be due on February 9, 2024, and defendant Liaquat Cheema's reply be due on March 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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